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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 2320

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, CH
SUBJ: POSSIBLE PRC PURCHASE OF OFFSHORE RIGS

1. TWO KNOWLEDGEABLE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE RECENTLY BEEN TOLD BY MACHIMPEX THAT PRC PURCHASED TWO MORE OIL DRILLING RIGS, FROM HITACHI, IN LATE MAY. WE HAVE NO FURTHER CONCRETE DETAILS ON THE PURPORTED SALE; JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HITACHI BUILDS SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE RIGS. AMERICAN TRADERS IN PEKING SPECIALIZING IN PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT SALES BELIEVE HITACHI RIGS WOULD INCLUDE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF U.S.-MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT AND WOULD PROBABLY BE USED IN TONKIN GULF AND SOUTH CHINA SEA EXPLORATION. THESE SOURCES FEEL THAT WITH HITACHI SALE PRC WILL NOT BE IN THE MARKET FOR FURTHER RIG PURCHASES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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